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TO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY KABUL

AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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SUBJECT: SEASIA TOUR OF PIANISTS AUGUSTIN & CAROL ANIEVAS

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REFS: BRUSSELS 2409, 2702, 3262 (NOTAL), 3452, 3492,

SAIGON 6885, BANGKOK 8667, RANGOON 1432.

1. TO HELP DISPEL CONFUSION NOTED BY BRUSSELS 3452, ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD COMMENT OR RESPOND AS APPROPRIATE ON POINTS BELOW ASAP, WITH ANY CABLES SENT INFO TO ALL ABOVE ADDRESSEES. HONG KONG; TEXT BELOW DESIGNED PROVIDE ESSENTIAL INFORMATION IN CABLES YOU DID NOT SEE.

2. SAIGON CONFUSED ANEW TRYING RECONCILE BRUSSELS 2409 THIRD PARAGRAPH, STATING OUR COSTS (AND PRESUMABLY THOSE OF OTHER SUBSCRIBING POSTS) WOULD BE FOR TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR TWO, WITH BRUSSELS 3492 SECOND PARAGRAPH STATING WHAT UNCLASSIFIED

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APPORTIONED TRAVEL COSTS WOULD BE FOR ONE PERSON. PLEASE CLARIFY

AMBIGUITY. MEANWHILE, COMPUTATIONS BELOW BASED ON SINGLE AIR FARE. MUST ASSUME USIS POSTS WOULD FIND APPORTIONING ROUND-TRIP AIR FARE FOR TWO PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE.

3. BRUSSELS CABLES SEEM UNAWARE JAKARTA 6051 INDICATING JAKARTA OUT OF TOUR. HOWEVER, IF PIANISTS TO VISIT BALL PRIVATELY ANYWAY, MIGHT NOT JAKARTA BE ABLE RE-ENTER TOUR? AIR TICKET OFFICE QUOTES ALMOST IDENTICAL BRUSSELS-HONG KONG ROUND-TRIP FARE WITH AND WITHOUT BALL EIDETRIP; \$1,740.

4. REQUEST BRUSSELS HAVE ANIEVAS COMMERCIAL AGENT IN HONG KONG CONTACTED CONCERNING BRUSSELS 3492 ADVICE THAT AGENT RETRACTING ALL FUNDING OF ANIEVAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. SHOULD POINT OUT (1) USIS CONCENTRATES NON-COMMERCIAL, (2) FUNDS AVAILABLE INDIVIDUAL POSTS FOR SUCH PROGRAMS DISTINCTLY LIMITED, AND (3) USIS POSTS HAVE NO DIRECT INTEREST FUNDING ANIEVAS TRAVEL BEYOND SAIGON. TOTAL USIS OBLIGATION SHOULD NOT EXCEED \$1,515 BRUSSELS-SAIGON ROUND-TRIP. SUGGEST HONG KONG AGENT RECOGNIZE USIS AMELIORATION HIS EXPENSES FOR BOOKING ANIEVAS BY HIS FOOTING EXTRA COST OF ROUND TRIP BEYOND SAIGON -- ABOUT \$225 EACH FARE. IF AGENT KNOWN TO USIS HONG KONG, FRIENDLY INTERCESSION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5. BANGKOK 8667 OFFERS \$300 TOWARD INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. SAIGON OFFERS ANOTHER \$400. TO COVER BRUSSELS-SAIGON ROUND-TRIP, SUGGEST PRO-RATING AMONG POSTS PER FOLLOWING TABLE, WITH HOPE NEW ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT PERSUADE EITHER/BOTH JAKARTA AND RANGOON RE-ENTER TOUR.

	ALL IN	JKT OUT	JKT, RGN OUT
TEHRAN	200	240	260
KABUL	135	175	175
KATHMANDU	115	140	150
RANGOON	115	140	-
BANGKOK	300	350	375
JAKARTA	250	-	-
SAIGON	400	470	555
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6. IF JAKARTA STAYS OUT OF TOUR, ANIEVASES MAY WISH SPEND EXTRA TIME RESTING IN BALI AND/OR BANGKOK. SAIGON CAN USE PIANISTS JULY 1-9.

7. BRUSSELS 3452 SECOND PARAGRAPH GARBLED. APPEARS QUOTE SAME \$350 FEE FOR CONCERTS AND FOR WORKSHOPS WHERE

ANIEVASES WOULD PRIMARILY LISTEN, COMMENT AND PARTICIPATE
IN EXCHANGES ON MUSICIANSHIP WITH YOUNG VIETNAMESE. WE
HAVE PAID \$50 FEE FOR SUCH WORKSHOPS AND COULD NOT JUSTIFY
EXCEEDING \$75. IF SUCH FEE AND CHARACTER OF WORKSHOPS
UNATTRACTIVE TO ANIEVASES, SAIGON WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY
SCHEDULING 8-9 DAYS. REDUCED PROGRAM OF THREE CONCERTS
ONLY WOULD FILL PERHAPS 5-6 DAYS. PIANISTS COULD, OF COURSE,
REST EXTRA DAYS AT BEACH RESORT WITHOUT PER DIEM.
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